

2 CIO Leaders Quizzed; Dies Warns of Nazis

Acts to Expose
'Fichte Bund'
Drive in
Chicago

NEW FIGHT

With his pursuit of the Communist trail through the meat industry's workers well in hand, Congressman Martin Dies yesterday prepared to expose a new and intensified drive to spread the Nazi poison of racial and religious hatred through America

Key to the redoubled Nazi activities, he said, is the "Fichte Bund," a single huge organization to focus the activities of all Nazis and Nazi sympathizers in this country.

So important is the menace of the Fichte Bund—Fight League—he said, that, though he is forced to close his Chicago hearings for the time being, he will return here Thursday to resume them.

CIO LEADERS GRILLED

During yesterday's hearings at the Hotel Sherman, two young leaders of what Dies termed the Communist-tainted CIO Packing House Workers Organizing Committee were grilled. At the conclusion of the session, Dies said:

"The Fichte Bund was formed in Germany, and its leader, now

in this country, is Oscar C. Pfaus. His name has been mentioned at previous hearings. It is the principal agency through which Nazi doctrines are being spread among other than German-Americans.

"There are so many fine citizens, particularly of Greek origin, that I want to warn them of this attempt of a Nazi propaganda agency to infiltrate alien ideologies in their ranks.

"I hope they will take prompt action to squelch the spreading of Nazi doctrines."

The plan, he said, is to amalgamate under the Fichte Bund such leaders and groups as:

Hiram W. Evans, Ku Klux Klan; Edward Hinter, Industrial Defense Association; Donald Shey, National Gentile League; William Dudley Pelley, Silver Shirts; George E. Deatherage, Knights of the White Camelia.

Other leaders and groups to be amalgamated, he said, are James True, Washington, D. C., Industrial Control Reports; Gen. George Van Horn Moseley, U.S.A., retired; George W. Christians, Crusaders for American Liberty; the Rev. Gerald B. Winrod of Wichita; Harry A. Jung, Vigilante Intelligence Federation, and Fritz Kuhn, German-American Bund.

ADMITS RED LINK

Chief among yesterday's witnesses were Henry Johnson and Herbert March, assistant national director and district director, respectively, of the PWOC.

Johnson is said to have admitted he was formerly an organizer for the International Workers' Order, a Communist group with 1,900 branches and 175,000 members. It is guided largely by Max Bedact, secretary and an admitted Communist.

Johnson denied that he was a Communist. March, in his testi-

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mony, denied any affiliation with Communist groups, and denied, too, that they had any influence in the PWOC.

March demanded that leaders in rival packing house unions be quizzed about un-American leaders in their ranks, and Dies subpoenaed three leaders in the AFL group, the Amalgamated Meatcutters and Butcher Workers' Union.

Already told that "two Red leaders in packing house unions could tie up the nation's meat supply overnight," Dies particularly sought confirmation of a Communist hookup from Johnson, openly described as being Moscow-controlled.

RECORDS DEFENDED.

Johnson and March, before entering the hearing room, issued a public statement declaring their records were "clean" and they welcomed investigation.

Among the day's witnesses were Miss Charlotte Carr of Hull House and Dr. M. P. Sharp of the University of Chicago law faculty. Both said they would attest the "orderly conduct" of the PWOC in the stock yards community.

When she emerged from the hearing room Miss Carr said:

"I told Mr. Dies that I hold no brief for either side in the impending Armour election, but that I thought since the election was being held Tuesday, he should have called representatives of both rival unions.

"To call only PWOC men implies a reflection on their character."

AFL MEN SUMMONED.

Miss Carr was informed that subpoenas already were being served on John Saltis, George Dasho and Thomas Devero, AFL leaders, in their headquarters at 4187 S. Halsted st.

She added that she appeared mainly in behalf of Johnson, who is a Negro. She characterized him as "a fine man who believes in law and order." She said Dies told her Johnson's character was not in question.

Several witnesses were subpoenaed from among workers at the tractor plant of International

Harvester, where negotiations begin Monday on renewal of a two-year-old contract with the CIO Farm Equipment Organizing Committee.

It was learned yesterday, though not from Dies, that the hearings already have produced records indicating that thousands of dollars in CIO funds have been diverted to communistic activities, including support of the Midwest Daily Record, Red publication.

PROGRESS IN HEARING.

Before departing from Chicago last night, Congressman Dies said:

"I feel that considerable headway has been made here, but much remains to be done."

He would not say how much time he expects to spend here on his return Thursday. One of the witnesses to be called on his return will be Walter H. Silge, chairman of the organizing committee, German-American Alliance, who appeared yesterday but did not complete his testimony.

The German-American Alliance is a group of German-American cultural societies, much opposed to the pro-Nazi Bund.